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Please enter the following on the record in response to the Office Action mailed on September 17, 2002. Filed, herewith, is: i) a Request For Continued Examination and ii) a Petition for a three month extension of time [as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)].

A clean version of added claims, with instructions for entry pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(i), is included beginning on page two of this communication. A clean version of the entire set of pending claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3), as they should appear following entry of this amendment, is attached as Appendix I.